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Dear Honorable Chairwoman Márquez Peterson and Members of the Arizona Corporation Commission:

As a member of Salt River Project's (SRP) District Board<sup>1</sup>, we write today to provide our support for the Commission's original decision to reject SRP's Application for Certificate of Environmental Compatibility (CEC) for the Coolidge Generating Station, and urge the application to not be reconsidered in its current form. Since the proposed project will cost nearly \$1 Billion, we believe as representatives of SRP's electric customers, it is our duty to speak out on this issue.

Based on how this proposal was originally brought to the Board, we believe the Commission should be very concerned with overturning a decision that acknowledges the little-known negative impacts on SRP customers from this application, setting a worrisome precedent for future line siting decision making. As Board Members, we have also had little to no understanding of how this project will impact customers moving forward due to having less than a month to review this project before it was put to a vote. While the statute does not require a power plant to undergo a competitive bidding process to be approved, the Commission has the authority to consider, "Any additional factors which require consideration under applicable federal and state laws pertaining to any such site."<sup>2</sup> All-Source Request for Proposal processes has become an industry best practice in recent years, and it is applicable to consider it when considering projects that have not undergone a ratepayer impact analysis.

We continue to harbor great consternation from SRP's proposed expansion of the Coolidge Generating Station and believe that the Commission should not rehear this issue until SRP has a better understanding of this project's impact on customers' electric bills.

Respectfully,

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District Board Member  
Salt River Project

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<sup>1</sup> Our thoughts are our own and may not represent the views of the SRP's District Board or Management.

<sup>2</sup> ARS § 40-360.06, <https://www.azleg.gov/ars/40/00360-06.htm>